

“(1) The Secretary shall solicit the participation of State and local governments and public authorities for one or more congestion pricing pilot projects. The Secretary may enter into cooperative agreements with as many as 5 such State or local governments or public authorities to establish, maintain, and monitor congestion pricing projects.

“(2) Notwithstanding section 129 of title 23, United States Code, the Federal share payable for such programs shall be 80 percent. The Secretary shall fund all of the development and other start up costs of such projects, including salaries and expenses, for a period of at least 1 year, and thereafter until such time that sufficient revenues are being generated by the program to fund its operating costs without Federal participation, except that the Secretary may not fund any project for more than 3 years.

“(3) Revenues generated by any pilot project under this subsection must be applied to projects eligible under such title.

“(4) Notwithstanding sections 129 and 301 of title 23, United States Code, the Secretary shall allow the use of tolls on the Interstate System as part of a pilot program under this section [amending section 129 of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 129 of this title], but not on more than 3 of such programs.

“(5) The Secretary shall monitor the effect of such projects for a period of at least 10 years, and shall report to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives every 2 years on the effects such programs are having on driver behavior, traffic, volume, transit ridership, air quality, and availability of funds for transportation programs.

“(6) Of the sums made available to the Secretary pursuant to section 104(a) of title 23, United States Code, not to exceed \$25,000,000 shall be made available each fiscal year to carry out the requirements of this subsection. Not more than \$15,000,000 of such amounts shall be made available to carry out each pilot project under this section.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 117 of this title.

§ 150. Allocation of urban system funds

The funds apportioned to any State under paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of section 104 of this title that are attributable to urbanized areas of 200,000 population or more shall be made available for expenditure in such urbanized areas for projects in programs approved under subsection (d) of section 105 of this title in accordance with a fair and equitable formula developed by the State which formula has been approved by the Secretary. Such formula shall provide for fair and equitable treatment of incorporated municipalities of 200,000 or more population. Whenever such a formula has not been developed and approved for a State, the funds apportioned to any State under paragraph (6) of subsection (b) of section 104 of this title which are attributable to urbanized areas having a population of 200,000 or more shall be allocated among such urbanized areas within such State for projects in programs approved under subsection (d) of section 105 of this title in the ratio that the population within each such urbanized area bears to the population of all such urbanized areas, or parts thereof, within such State. In the expenditure of funds allocated under the preceding sentence, fair and equitable treatment shall be accorded incorporated municipalities of 200,000 or more population. Funds allocated to

an urbanized area under the provisions of this section may, at the request of the Governor and upon approval of the appropriate local officials of the area and the Secretary, be transferred to the allocation of another such area in the State or to the State for use in any urban area.

(Added Pub. L. 93-87, title I, §157(a), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 277; amended Pub. L. 97-424, title I, §124, Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2113.)

AMENDMENTS

1983—Pub. L. 97-424 inserted provision at end that funds allocated to an urbanized area under the provisions of this section may, at the request of the Governor and upon approval of the appropriate local officials of the area and the Secretary, be transferred to the allocation of another such area in the State or to the State for use in any urban area.

§ 151. National bridge inspection program

(a) NATIONAL BRIDGE INSPECTION STANDARDS.—The Secretary, in consultation with the State highway departments and interested and knowledgeable private organizations and individuals, shall establish national bridge inspection standards for the proper safety inspection and evaluation of all highway bridges.

(b) MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF INSPECTION STANDARDS.—The standards established under subsection (a) shall, at a minimum—

(1) specify, in detail, the method by which such inspections shall be carried out by the States;

(2) establish the maximum time period between inspections;

(3) establish the qualification for those charged with carrying out the inspections;

(4) require each State to maintain and make available to the Secretary upon request—

(A) written reports on the results of highway bridge inspections together with notations of any action taken pursuant to the findings of such inspections; and

(B) current inventory data for all highway bridges reflecting the findings of the most recent highway bridge inspections conducted; and

(5) establish a procedure for national certification of highway bridge inspectors.

(c) TRAINING PROGRAM FOR BRIDGE INSPECTORS.—The Secretary, in cooperation with the State highway departments, shall establish a program designed to train appropriate governmental employees to carry out highway bridge inspections. Such training program shall be revised from time to time to take into account new and improved techniques.

(d) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—To carry out this section, the Secretary may use funds made available pursuant to the provisions of section 104(a), section 307(a), and section 144 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 100-17, title I, §125(a), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 166.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 151, added Pub. L. 93-87, title II, §205(a), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 284; amended Pub. L. 94-280, title II, §207, May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 454; Pub. L. 95-599, title I, §127, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2707; Pub. L.

96-470, title II, §209(c), Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2245; Pub. L. 97-375, title I, §111(a), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1821, related to a pavement marking demonstration program, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 100-17, title I, §125(a), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 166.

§ 152. Hazard elimination program

(a) Each State shall conduct and systematically maintain an engineering survey of all public roads to identify hazardous locations, sections, and elements, including roadside obstacles and unmarked or poorly marked roads, which may constitute a danger to motorists and pedestrians, assign priorities for the correction of such locations, sections, and elements, and establish and implement a schedule of projects for their improvement.

(b) The Secretary may approve as a project under this section any highway safety improvement project.

(c) Funds authorized to carry out this section shall be available for expenditure on any public road (other than a highway on the Interstate System).

(d) The Federal share payable on account of any project under this section shall be 90 percent of the cost thereof.

(e) Funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section shall be apportioned to the States as provided in section 402(c) of this title. Such funds shall be available for obligation in the same manner and to the same extent as if such funds were apportioned under section 104(b)(1), except that the Secretary is authorized to waive provisions he deems inconsistent with the purposes of this section.

(f) Each State shall establish an evaluation process approved by the Secretary, to analyze and assess results achieved by highway safety improvement projects carried out in accordance with procedures and criteria established by this section. Such evaluation process shall develop cost-benefit data for various types of corrections and treatments which shall be used in setting priorities for highway safety improvement projects.

(g) Each State shall report to the Secretary of Transportation not later than December 30 of each year, on the progress being made to implement highway safety improvement projects for hazard elimination and the effectiveness of such improvements. Each State report shall contain an assessment of the cost of, and safety benefits derived from, the various means and methods used to mitigate or eliminate hazards and the previous and subsequent accident experience at these locations. The Secretary of Transportation shall submit a report to the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives not later than April 1 of each year on the progress being made by the States in implementing the hazard elimination program (including but not limited to any projects for pavement marking). The report shall include, but not be limited to, the number of projects undertaken, their distribution by cost range, road system, means and methods used, and the previous and subsequent accident experience at improved locations. In addition, the Secretary's report shall analyze

and evaluate each State program, identify any State found not to be in compliance with the schedule of improvements required by subsection (a) and include recommendations for future implementation of the hazard elimination program.

(h) For the purposes of this section the term "State" shall have the meaning given it in section 401 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 93-87, title II, §209(a), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 286; amended Pub. L. 94-280, title I, §131, May 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 441; Pub. L. 95-599, title I, §168(a), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2722; Pub. L. 96-106, §10(b), Nov. 9, 1979, 93 Stat. 798; Pub. L. 97-375, title II, §210(b), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1826; Pub. L. 97-424, title I, §125, Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2113; Pub. L. 100-17, title I, §133(b)(12), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 172; Pub. L. 104-59, title III, §325(c), Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 592.)

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 104-59 substituted "Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure" for "Committee on Public Works and Transportation".

1987—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 100-17 substituted "the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate and the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives" for "the Congress".

1983—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-424 substituted provision that funds authorized to carry out this section shall be available for expenditure on any public road (other than a highway on the Interstate System), for provision that funds authorized to carry out this section would be available solely for expenditure for projects on any Federal-aid system (other than the Interstate System) except in the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

1982—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 97-375 inserted "(including but not limited to any projects for pavement marking)" after "implementing the hazard elimination program".

1979—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 96-106 substituted "December 30" for "September 30" and "April 1" for "January 1".

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-599 substituted "public roads" for "highways" and inserted provisions relating to identification of hazardous sections and elements.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-599 substituted provisions relating to approval of highway safety improvement projects by the Secretary for provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal years ending June 30, 1974 through June 30, 1976.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-599 reenacted subsec. (c) without substantive change.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 95-599 substituted provisions prescribing the Federal share payable on account of any project under this section for provisions relating to apportionment of funds made available under subsec. (b) to the States. See subsec. (e) of this section.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95-599 substituted provisions relating to apportionment of funds to the States under this section for provisions relating to progress reports required of the States under this section. See subsec. (g).

Subsecs. (f) to (h). Pub. L. 95-599 added subsecs. (f) and (g) and redesignated former subsec. (f) as (h).

1976—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 94-280 added subsec. (f).

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 104, 133, 157, 307, 409 of this title.

§ 153. Use of safety belts and motorcycle helmets

(a) **AUTHORITY TO MAKE GRANTS.**—The Secretary may make grants to a State in a fiscal